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Dear Sir or Madam

Please find attached correspondence from Sunderland City Council for Deadline 1 regarding Highways England's application for a Development Consent Order in relation to the above scheme.

I trust this is of assistance.

Regards

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Ref No TR010031

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Sir or Madam,

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**PLANNING ACT 2008 SECTION 89 AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING (EXAMINATION PROCEDURE) RULES 2010 – RULE 8 ETC:  
APPLICATION BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND FOR AN ORDER GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT FOR THE A1 BIRTLEY TO COAL HOUSE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

I refer to the Rule 8 letter dated 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 with the reference TR010031, setting out the examination timetable and invitation to submit written representations.

Sunderland City Council are supportive of the objectives of the proposed scheme; however, the Council wishes to reserve its position should any specific matters arise which impact on Sunderland's road network and environmental considerations.

Please find below comments for Deadline 1, which sets out the Council's position following the Preliminary Hearing and Issue Specific Hearing 1.

Development Consent Order

Please find below initial comments on the draft Development Consent Order:

- Satisfied with the inclusion of Clause 6 in respect of Planning Permission
- Satisfied with the inclusion of Clause 11 – Power to alter layout etc of streets, subject to adherence with sub-paragraph (3), which requires the relevant street authority's consent and note the 6-week response period
- Satisfied with the inclusion of Clause 12 'Street Works' in order to comply with the provisions of the NRSWA 1991
- In terms of Clause 13 'Construction and maintenance of new, altered or diverted streets', there is not expected to be a Side Agreement between Sunderland City Council and the applicant in relation to the inspection and agreement of the works on the Local Road Network, because it does not appear at this stage that Sunderland City Council's roads are affected.
- Satisfied with the inclusion of Clause 15 relating to the Temporary stopping up and restriction to the use of streets, subject to prior agreement with the relevant local

highway authorities, although this is unlikely to impact on Sunderland's road network

- Satisfied with the inclusion of Clause 18 'Modification of TROs' although this is unlikely to impact on Sunderland's road network
- Schedule 2 – Requirement 10 - Traffic Management. Satisfied with the inclusion subject to agreement of extent of consultation with Sunderland City Council for residents and businesses within Sunderland (Springwell Village and Washington)

### Applicant's Submission

Sunderland City Council intend to provide more detailed comments by Deadline 2 (ExQ1 issued on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020). These are specifically in relation to:

- Environmental Impact Assessment (cumulative effects)
- Transport Assessment report regarding traffic and transportation impacts within local authority area
- Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)
- Record of Environmental Actions and Commitments (REAC)
- Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP)

These matters are likely to relate to scheme delivery with regards to temporary traffic management and any necessary diversion routes on the local road network during the construction phase.

There do not appear to be any requirements by the applicant to take possession of any land on either a temporary or permanent basis within Sunderland City Council's boundary based on the Works or Land Plans.

There are some text errors within the submission drawings relating to the naming of local authority areas of Gateshead, Sunderland and Durham which should be corrected. These include reference to 'Sunderland Borough', which should be corrected to 'Sunderland City Council.'

### Statements of Common Ground (SoCG)

Sunderland City Council intend to enter into a SoCG with the applicant (Highways England).

### Local Impacts Report (LIR)

Sunderland City Council do not intend to produce and submit an LIR. Subject to your agreement, a position statement could be appended to the LIR to be submitted by Gateshead Council. This approach follows a similar joint approach with South Tyneside Council for the A19 A184 Testo's DCO application.

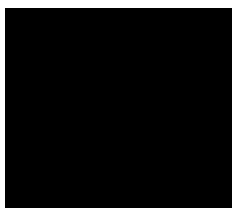
## Applicant's Request for Amendments to the Application

Sunderland City Council have no objections to the three proposed changes to the application which were submitted to The Planning Inspectorate for consideration in January 2020.

There is no intention to make oral representation at future Issue Specific Hearings but would reserve the right to attend future meetings if required.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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